

Docket No. F-8374

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Kesafumi MATSUMOTO  
Serial No. : (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP04/005171  
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For : DRY-TYPE HIGH-VOLTAGE LOAD SYSTEM  
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PREVENTING  
CHAIN BREAKING AND ARC DISCHARGE FOR  
USE THEREWITH  
Group Art Unit : (Not yet known)  
Examiner : (Not yet known)  
Customer No. : 000028107

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New York, New York

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: